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For: SPEECH SYNTHESIZING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND STORAGE
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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.312**

Sir:

A Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated December 20, 2004, with an accompanying Notice of Allowability, was issued in the above-identified patent application. The Issue Fee, due on March 21, 2005 (under 37 CFR § 1.7 as March 20, 2005 falls on a Sunday), is being paid concurrently herewith.

Please amend this application prior to issuance, in view of the following:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing Of Claims which begins on page 2 of the paper; and

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.